Reservation for Disabled Persons in Private Sector

5279. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to make it mandatory for the private sector to reserve three percent of their vacancies for disabled pesons;

(b) if so, whether their representative bodies like FICCI, CII, Associated Chambers of commerce and Industry etc. have been taken into confidence; and

(c) whether private sector units have been identified, in terms of size or turnover, where such a mandatory reservation scheme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to amend the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995

Funds for old age homes in A.P.

5280. SHRI C. RAMACHDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given for Old Age Homes in Andhra Pradesh in 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the details of all NGOs and the funds they have received from Government in 1999-2000 for Old Age Homes in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether strict guidelines have been laid down for proper utilisation of such funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh under the scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons as well as under the scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions / Voluntary Organisations for construction of Old Age Home during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 189 Annexure No. 124].

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Proper utilization of funds by NGOs is ensured through regular inspections by the concerned State Govt., officers of the Ministry and the designated Nodal Agencies. Besides, the NGOs, are also required to submit periodic progress report, Audited Annual Accounts and Utilisation Certificate duly certified by a Charterred Accountant for grant released during the previous year.

Assistance to Wakf Boards

5281. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments as well as the Central Government are providing assistance to Wakf Boards to meet their expenses; and

(b) the annual expenses made respectively through the Wakf's own funds and that through Government's assistance during the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Hosue.

Schemes for welfare of SCs/STs / OBCs

†5282. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for the welfare of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Backward classes and poor sections in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the grants provided under these schemes during the last five years togetherwith the details of the grants provided during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The details of welfare schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (including Ministry of Tribal Affairs) for the upliftment of SCs/STs, OBCs and Minorities in the country alongwith the details regarding funds released for these schemes during the last five years in the State of Uttar Pradesh is given in the annexed Statement. No district-wise allocation/release is made by the Ministry.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.